



# Community Happenings From the Den . . .

## Be Part of History



Photo Compliments of the  
St. Charles Heritage Center

The unveiling of a new sculpture of Dellora Angell Norris will be held June 8, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall (2 E. Main Street) where the sculpture will be permanently installed. Many Norris family members will be in town for this unveiling, and everyone is welcome.

The Downtown St. Charles Partnership's Public Art Committee is raising funds for this life-size bronze

sculpture in recognition and appreciation of her generosity to the town she loved so dearly. Dellora, along with her uncle, Col. Edward J. Baker, is responsible for many of the educational, cultural, and civic opportunities and buildings we

all enjoy (Norris Cultural Arts Center, Arcada Theater, Hotel Baker, St. Charles Community High School, the Municipal Center, Delnor Hospital, land for St. Charles East, and Wredling Middle School, etc.) All contributions, large or small, are important to this project.

Call (630) 513-5386, Ext. 3, or mail contributions to the Downtown St. Charles Partnership, Dellora Norris Sculpture Fund,

## Concerts in the Park



The St. Charles Park District and Downtown St. Charles Partnership present this year's Concerts in the Park series. The free concerts at the Lincoln

Park gazebo (west Main St.) are held on Thursdays, 7 p.m. Arrive early to enjoy treats from food vendors. In the event of rain, the concerts will be moved to the center court of Charlestowne Mall.

June 15 – 215 West (Motown, blues, disco, swing, [www.215west.com](http://www.215west.com))

June 22 – Mr. Myers (caribbean rock, [www.mrmyers.com](http://www.mrmyers.com))

June 29 – Michael Heaton Band (rock, [www.michaelheaton.com](http://www.michaelheaton.com))

July 6 – Maggie Speaks (mixed, [www.maggiespeaks.com](http://www.maggiespeaks.com))

July 13 – Howard & The White Boys (blues, [www.howardandthewhiteboys.net](http://www.howardandthewhiteboys.net))

July 20 – Hello Dave ([www.hellodave.com](http://www.hellodave.com))

July 27 – StingRays (50s, 60s, 70s rock & roll, [www.thestingrays.com](http://www.thestingrays.com))

## 4th of July

The Park District, in

cooperation with

the City of St. Charles, will host the 2006 4th of July Celebration. Fireworks begin at dark on July 4 and can be best viewed at Pottawatomie or Ferson Creek Park.



Pottawatomie Park will open at 8 a.m. for picnics, cookouts, swimming (Pottawatomie Pool, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Adults (16+)-\$5.50, Children-\$4.50), mini-golf (9 a.m.-7 p.m., Adults-\$5, Children-\$4), and more. Picnic fare is also available at River View Miniature Golf Course (through 9:15 p.m.). A special evening concert by Red Woody will begin at 6 p.m. Gordon Bellaver, a St. Charles resident, will sing the National Anthem prior to the fireworks display. Please call the Park District at (630) 513-6200 with questions or for more information.

## Theatre in the Park

Celebrate the Downtown St. Charles Partnership's fifth season of bringing live outdoor theatre to Pottawatomie Park. Rising Star Theatreworks brings "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" to the stage on July 22, 6 p.m., and July 23, 3 p.m.

First Street Playhouse presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" on Aug. 5, 7 p.m., and Aug. 6, 3 p.m. A promenade of illuminated boats on the Fox River will delight the audience after the Aug. 5 performance,

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compliments of the Fox River Estates Improvement Association.

Call the Downtown St. Charles Partnership at (630) 513-5386 or visit [www.dtown.org](http://www.dtown.org) for tickets or details.

## Garden Walk



The Pottawatomie Garden Club will host a garden walk on July 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine. The club will feature six beautiful gardens in town and country settings, including ponds with aquatic plants, turtles, waterfalls, trellises, raised garden boxes and arbors. Tickets are available for \$15 at these St. Charles stores: Blue

Goose Super Market (164 S. 1st St.), Grimm's Hallmark East (3543 E. Main/Rte. 64), Grimm's Hallmark West (1601 W. Main/Rte. 64), and Baker Church on Farmers Market Fridays. Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund. Call (630) 443-9587 or 584-5039 for details.

## Photos on Display

Stan Jorstad, a nationally renowned landscape photographer, generously donated 17 of his private collection photographs of Primrose Farm to the St. Charles Park District. Primrose Farm is expected to open in 2007. A temporary exhibit will be on display at Pottawatomie Community Center, 8 North Ave., through spring 2007. The Center is open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. M-F, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat., and

12 - 5 p.m. on Sundays. Call (630) 587-3373 Ext. 212 for information on Primrose Farm.

## Home Repairs

If your home needs repair but finances are tight, Mid-Valley Neighborhood Improvement Association, Inc., may be able to help. They offer low interest loans to qualifying homeowners to use for home repairs and improvements. Call (630) 584-1996 or visit [www.mvnia.org](http://www.mvnia.org) for details.



Remodeling? Check out the ReUseIt Center, 1530 Hubbard Ave., Batavia (Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.). Call (630) 761-4240 for information, to donate or volunteer.

	<b>St. Charles Public Library</b> <b>One S. 6th Ave.</b> <b>St. Charles, IL 60174</b>		<b>Web Site:</b> <a href="http://www.stcharleslibrary.org">www.stcharleslibrary.org</a>		<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:scplref@linc.lib.il.us">scplref@linc.lib.il.us</a>	
	<b>Phone 584-0076</b> <b>Fax 584-3448</b>	Home Deliv. – Ext. 219 Study Rooms - Ext. 210	Meeting Rms. – Ext. 230 Youth Svcs. – 584-9390	Night Owl - 584-4563		

**Voyage to Book Island** this summer with book clubs, programs, and special events for library card holders of all ages. The Friends of the Library and businesses will provide incentives for the book clubs.

## Youth Programs

Youth Services Book Clubs are designed for listeners and readers according to individual ability. The goal is to reinforce, sustain, and extend enjoyable reading experiences beyond the books at home. The **Read-With-Me** option is designed for parent-child interaction, including infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and children not yet reading independently. **Book Club I** is for independent readers, while **Book Club II** is for intermediate readers, and **GTGR (Got to Go Read)** is for middle and high school students. Ask about **Book Club III** and the option to count pages. The **Century Book Clubs** offer you the opportunity to keep on reading all through the year. Register now for the book clubs and

programs. The Youth Services staff is available to discuss all the options.

Summer will be filled with programs for everyone! Multi-age story time is offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., and book characters visit monthly. A Game Fest for middle and high school students, babysitter training, and Internet workshops are on the calendar. Over 20 different programs are scheduled through August, including concerts, magicians, puppets, and variety shows. There will even be a children's used book sale. Program registration begins June 3. Details are in the Official Summer Program Guide. For further information about the book clubs and program registration, please call Youth Service at (630) 584-9390.

## Adult Programs

Adults can "Escape to Book Island" this summer. Pick up a book log at the Information or Readers Services Desks starting June 6 and

log in books to become eligible for drawings and a grand prize.

The St. Charles Writers Group will meet June 10, 24, July 8 and 22, 9:15 - 11:45 a.m. They will discuss how to conquer your fear of speaking and reading in public on June 10; host a reading of group member's work on June 24; learn tips on how to conduct a first rate interview on July 8; and discuss Wallace Stevens' *Adagio* on July 22. Call Merilee Curtis (Ext. 240) for details.

The Library offers book discussion groups that meet on the second Tuesday of each month, at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. On June 13, the a.m. group will discuss *Tortilla Curtain* by T. C. Boyle; the p.m. group will discuss *1491: New Revelations on the Americas Before Columbus* by Charles C. Mann. On July 11 the a.m. group will discuss *The Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg and the evening group will discuss *Remembering Laughter* by Wallace Stegner. Please call the Circulation Desk at Ext. 210 to reserve books.